

the second biaxially-oriented, heat-shrinkable film comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer having a density of from about 0.85 to 0.95 g/cc, propylene/ethylene copolymer, polyamide, ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer, ethylene/methyl acrylate copolymer, and ethylene/butyl acrylate copolymer.

#### REMARKS

The amendment of independent Claim 1 requires the patch bag to have a bottom seal through the bag but not through the patch. Support for this amendment can be found at, for example, Page 3 lines 13-15 of the specification. The amendments to dependent Claims 2, 3, and 5 are of a formal nature, making them align better with Claim 1, as amended. Support for the amendment of Claim 7 can be found, for example, at Page 2 lines 21-23 of the specification. Applicants contend that the amendments to the claims contain no new matter.

Turning next to newly presented Claims 22-35, Applicants note that each of these newly-presented claims are dependent upon independent claims already pending. Moreover, Claims 22-35 correspond largely with dependent Claims 2-7 as originally filed. Accordingly, the support for newly presented claims 22-35 is substantially the same as the support for Claims 2-7 as originally filed. Applicants are filing newly-presented Claims 22-35 to provide them with additional detailed claims directed to the patch bags claimed in independent Claims 18 and 20. Applicants contend that newly-presented Claims 22-35 contain no new matter.

Prior to the restriction requirement of March 30, 1999, Applicants had paid for a total of 21 claims (7 independent). In addition to the detailed coverage claims 22-35 provide under independent Claims 18 and 20, Applicants added Claims 22-35 because they had paid for the examination of 21 claims. Accordingly, the application as pending now contains a total

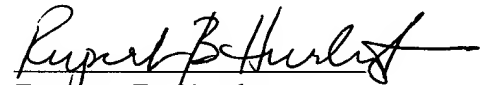
of 21 claims, with a total of 3 independent claims. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due for the examination of newly-presented Claims 22-35. However, in the event that an additional fee is deemed to be due, Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account 07-1765 in the appropriate amount.

Finally, Applicants direct attention to the Supplemental IDS filed concurrently herewith.<sup>1</sup> If for some reason this IDS has not been linked up with the file at the time the Examiner is working on the first substantive office action for the elected claims and the newly-presented claims, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned, and a copy of the supplemental IDS and art cited will be faxed to the Examiner for immediate consideration.

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<sup>1</sup> On March 30, 1999 Applicants mailed an otherwise identical IDS to the PTO for this case, but inadvertently provided an incorrect serial number, i.e., 08/942,602, whereas the correct serial number is 08/941,602. Accordingly, this IDS is being sent again, this time with the correct USSN.